

REMARKS

In light of the following remarks and above amendments, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Amended claims 1 and 5 are in this application. Claims 2-4 and 6-8 have been canceled herein.

At page 2 of the outstanding Office Action of January 14, 2004, the Examiner objected to the specification. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that the abstract of the disclosure is too long. The abstract has been amended herein to comply with the USPTO rules and guidelines. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

At page 2 of the outstanding Office Action of January 14, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki (U.S. Patent No. 5,811,895) in view of Tsujikado (U.S. Patent No. 6,597,074). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claims 2, 4, 6 and 8 have been canceled herein.

Amended independent claim 1, now recites in part, “A power supply device, comprising...**a primary side capacitor for smoothing an output voltage from said rectification section...**” (Underlining and Bold added for emphasis.)

The combination of Suzuki and Tsujikado fail to teach or suggest the above-recited limitation of independent claim 1.

Suzuki discloses a power supply circuit for use with a battery and a power supply adaptor. The power supply circuit includes a current detector for detecting a current of the power adaptor in excess of a predetermined reference current. (Column 4, lines 25-31) However, as can be seen in Fig. 1 of Suzuki, the power supply circuit which includes the current detecting means does not illustrate “a primary side capacitor for smoothing an output voltage from a rectification section” as described in amended independent claim 1. In other words, Suzuki does not mention anything concerning a primary side capacitor. Support for this feature can be found at page 18, lines 19-21 of the present specification.

Tsujikado was filed on April 18, 2001. The present application, on the other hand, has claimed priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon foreign application 2000-333570 filed on October 31, 2000 in Japan. A certified copy of such foreign application was filed in the present application. A certified translation in English of this priority application (i.e., 2000-333570) accompanies this Amendment. Accordingly, the present application has an effective filing date, which antedates the filing date of Tsujikado. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that Tsujikado is not an effective prior art reference against the present application.

Furthermore, although the applicant has asserted that Tsujikado is not an effective reference against the present application, such assertion is not a representation concerning distinctions and/or similarities between the present invention and Tsujikado. Applicant reserves his right to traverse any further rejection that may be presented on a similar document and having an earlier effective date.

Therefore amended independent claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable over the applied combination of Suzuki and Tsujikado.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to amended independent claim 1, amended independent claim 5 is also believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Suzuki and Tsujikado.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

At page 3 of the outstanding Office Action of January 14, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Tsujikado in further view of Welk (U.S. Patent No. 4,360,853). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claims 3 and 7 have been canceled herein. Applicant therefore requests that the rejection to claims 3 and 7 be withdrawn as moot. Cancellation of claims 3 and 7 should not be construed as an agreement by applicant with the Examiner's arguments.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests the rejection of claims 3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

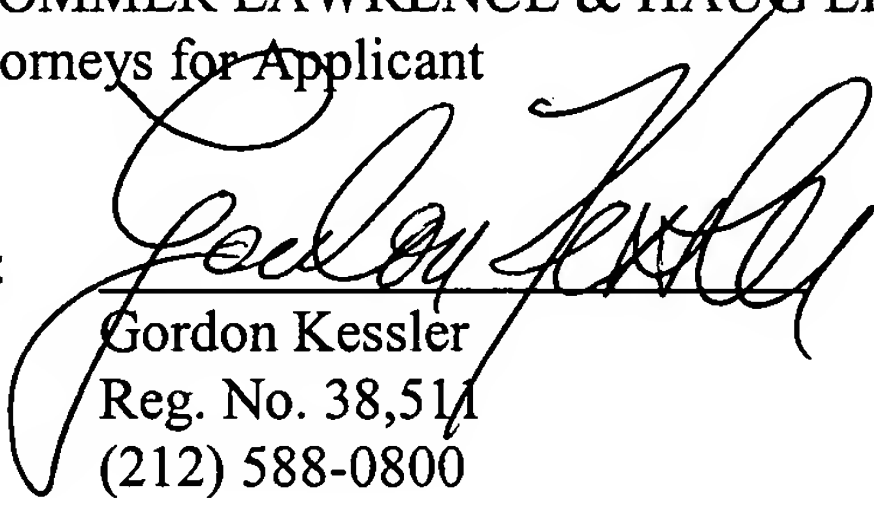
It is to be appreciated that the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art represent the present opinions of the applicant's undersigned attorney and, in the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

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